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Navy Man Confirmed As CIA Chief

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The Senate gave quick and unanimous confirmation yesterday to William Francis Raborn, retired Navy Vice Admiral, as new director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Action came by voice vote shortly after Raborn, and Richard M. Helms, nominated to be deputy administrator, had won approval from the Senate Armed Services Committee. The Senate later confirms Helm's nomination.

The two were questioned at open and closed sessions of the Committee earlier yesterday.

Sen. John Stennis (D-Miss.), Acting Chairman, said Raborn "completely satisfied" Sen. Jack Miller (R-Iowa), that no conflict would exist in foreign countries between CIA forces and the U.S. ambassadors there.

Miller said later that there had appeared to be a conflict between the CIA and the U.S. Ambassador at times in Vietnam but that Raborn had given assurances of cooperation.

Raborn, 59, has been a vice president of Aerojet General Corporation, a large defense contractor, since his retirement as a three-star Admiral in September of 1963. He had been a submarine and missile expert in the Navy.

Raborn told Senators he would dispose of any stocks or securities on a confidential list he submitted to them if they suggested this. He promised to sever all business ties.